

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded a grant to the Hinsdale Fire Department.

"Being properly equipped is crucial for the firefighters who risk their lives for our safety," Olver said. "This grant will help the Hinsdale Fire Department better protect the community."

The grant will be used to purchase 20 self-contained breathing units. Some of the units will be equipped with thermal imaging cameras to help firefighters see through smoke.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments to purchase equipment and provide training for their firefighters.

For the 2003 program, Congress appropriated, and the president signed into law, \$750 million in discretionary funding for the program.

A list of all current award recipients announced to date is posted on the USFA web site at www.usfa.fema.gov.

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